

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (**Currently Amended**) A method of automatic uploading of the requirements of UML models ~~created by a modeling tool,~~ and updating the UML models, ~~created during the creation of the elements of the UML model,~~ comprising the steps of:

creating an UML model with a modelling tool,

creating requirements during the creation of the elements of the UML model,

when the UML model is stabilized, exporting the requirements entered into the UML model to a requirements management tool, and

automatically creating in the requirements management tool a navigation module including all the UML objects pointed at by at least one requirement and a requirements module of level n, based on the exported requirements.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the requirements module of level n is linked to another upstream requirements module of level n+1 defined previously.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein during requirements modifications, these modifications are performed in the UML model, with the modeling tool.

10-12. (**Canceled**)